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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Beth Orlen

Chaplain (Capt.) John Shipman, a 88th Air Base Wing member from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, conducts a Palm Sunday service at New Horizons 2006 – Honduras April 9.

Chaplain serves with open mind, willing heart

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It's Palm Sunday and Chaplain (Capt.) John Shipman hands out Honduran palm tree leaves as he greets members of the congregation with a wide grin April 9 in the chapel among tent city.

Shipman, who replaced the previous chaplain after he was injured in a car accident, came to Operation New Horizons 2006 – Honduras with an open mind and a willing heart.

"I was energized, recognizing I need to be here with the people," said Shipman. "Because of the tragedy, the chapel program needed revitalizing."

And revitalizing is exactly what Shipman has begun to do. He has since passed out Bibles, devotional texts and

inspirational books. He has continued with Sunday services and even started a Wednesday night Bible study.

"My favorite thing is to preach, and preaching means nothing unless you do what you say," he said.

And by preaching, Shipman is able to help the people around him cope with feelings of loneliness, depression and being so far from home.

"He's really outgoing and energetic. He puts forth extra effort to get out and reach people," said Airman 1st Class Michael Meade, Shipman's assistant at Operation New Horizons and Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. "He makes himself available at all hours."

"He's very helpful," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Tyanna Capshaw, a
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Civil affairs plans for sustainability

By Army Spc. Benjamin Cossel
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Soldiers and Marines of the New Horizons civil affairs team took members of the Honduran Peace Corps on a day trip, of the many construction sites currently in the works by the U.S. military's Joint Task Force Asegurar el Futuro (Securing the Future).

The purpose of the trip was two-fold – to make initial contact with members of the Peace Corps to provide

sustainability once New Horizons completes in May, and to check up on the sites to resolve any problems.

“The local Peace Corps volunteers are the subject matter experts on Honduras,” said Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Nasser Manasterli of Falls Church, Va. “In order to ensure the work we’ve started here continues, we’ve (civil affairs) got to work with the different organizations in the area to show them what we’re doing and seeing how we can

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Photo by Spc. Benjamin Cossel

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Nasser Manasterli explains to Peace Corps volunteer Max Wilson that a school in the Honduran village of El Cacao is currently at 200 percent of capacity.

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940th Services Flight member. “It doesn’t matter who you are or what religion you practice, he’ll be there for you.”

Being energetic and friendly helps the chaplain talk with people and establish rapport with them. He said it lets those people feel free to open up and share what’s on their hearts.

“Chaplains are the greatest thing in the Air Force. (They are the) only place to go and talk openly, and never worry about the info getting out,” he said.

Shipman often goes the extra mile by following up on the people he helps.

“I see their struggles, go to their commander and tell them how to help,” he said.

This is one of the ways Shipman continues to help the people that come to him. He always tries to sit by someone that is sitting alone at chow, or talk to someone that seems down in hopes that he’ll cheer up at least one person’s day.

“Throughout my enlisted experience, I never saw a chaplain. They never came to the flight line, so I saw what I could accomplish and I give 100 percent,” said Shipman.

Those facts led Shipman to leave the military to pursue seminary and become a full-time minister. After enlisted nine years in the Air Force enlisted, and seven years pursuing the pastorate, Shipman was called by God to re-enter the service as a chaplain.

“God has a sense of hu-

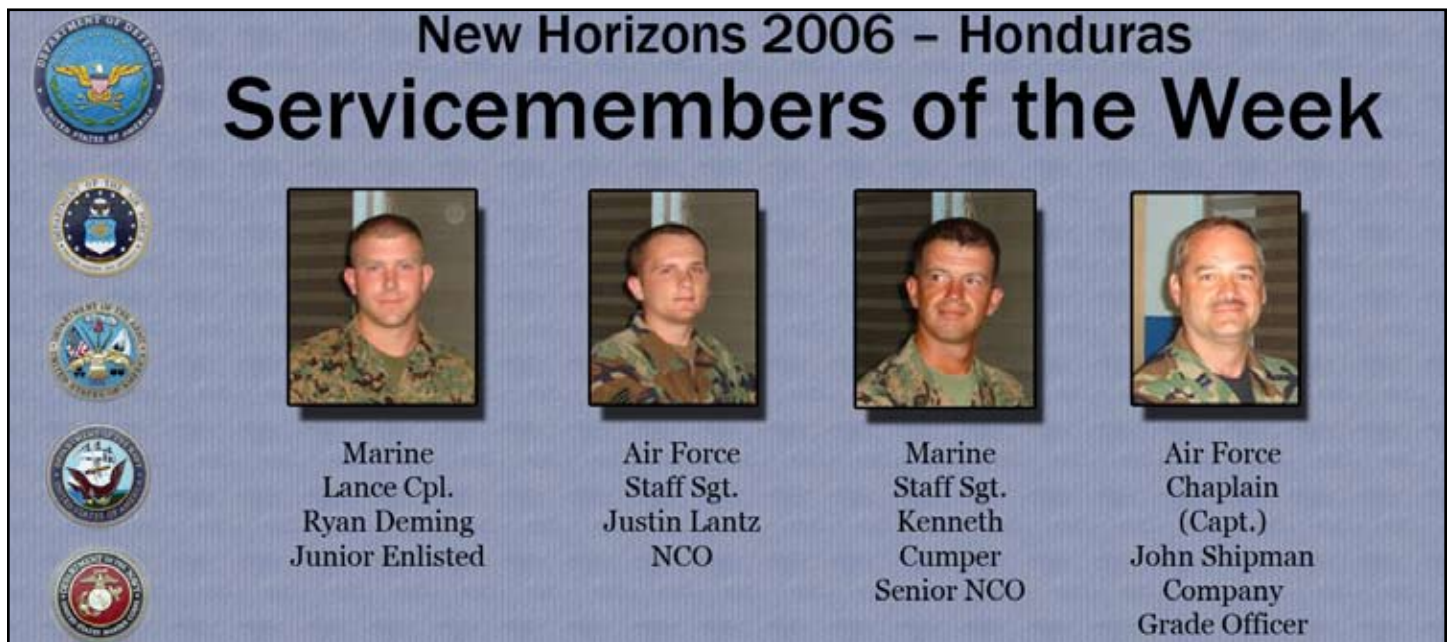
mor,” said Shipman in regards to becoming a chaplain. “I had no thought I was going to have a desire to serve again.”

Having answered God’s calling to be a chaplain a long time ago, Shipman has been on deployments with the Air Force to England, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and now Honduras.

Shipman says that everywhere he goes there are people who need to hear the gospel, and he looks forward to new people as they are in need of a caretaker.

As Shipman’s assistant can attest, he is a valid candidate for the job. Wherever he goes, he carries a smile and offers a handshake.

“Out of over the twenty chaplains I’ve worked with, he’s one of the best,” said Meade.



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match them all up to best ensure all that we've done keeps going."

More than 5,000 Peace Corps volunteers have worked in Honduras since the organization began working in the area in 1963. Currently, the Peace Corps has 231 volunteers serving in Honduras.

Manasterli explained that civil affairs teams often work with the governmental organizations such as the Peace Corps and the U.S. Agency for International Development and nongovernmental organizations such as CARE and the International Red Cross located in the region.

"Obviously in a situation like Iraq, where the work area isn't very permissive, we don't do a lot of work with agencies like the Peace Corps. But in other areas where the security concerns aren't as high, we often try to get the local agencies involved with the work we're doing."

Starting out in Jutiapa, where Air Force engineers are construct-

ing a maternity clinic, civil affairs took the four Peace Corps volunteers on a walking tour of the site. The group traveled to the other four construction sites throughout the day. Peace Corps volunteer Dave Wrathall from Santa Cruz, Calif., was thankful for the opportunity to finally get out and see the sites he'd heard so much about.

"We've been hearing on the streets and in the local press all the great work the U.S. military is doing. It's great to finally be able to get out here and see it."

Wrathall was impressed with the efficiency in which the services were able to accomplish their missions.

"I'm completely in awe with how you guys (U.S. military) are able to come in and just get things done. I definitely think the Peace Corps could stand to learn a few things from the military and how you work with the local population. Your structure and organization is just totally set up for these types of humanitarian missions."

According to Army Sgt. Cristy White with the 486th Civil Af-

fairs Battalion from Oklahoma City, while showing members of the Peace Corps the different sites was the primary purpose of the day's tour, going out to the sites allowed the civil affairs team to perform another of their many functions.

"We try to visit each of the sites at least once a week," said White. "Just to check and make sure everything is running smoothly. If there are any problems or trouble, we usually try to take care of it right there on the spot so work can continue."

Bringing a long day to an end, civil affairs brought the Peace Corps volunteers back to their headquarters in La Ceiba.

Dave, reflecting on the days events, summed his experience with the civil affairs team.

"Honestly, it's moving to see the people you're having an impact on; I know what we're doing is right. It's like we're (the Peace Corps) on one end of the governmental spectrum and the military in on the other. To see that we're all working towards the same goal is just awesome."

Don't become target for sexual predator

By **Laura McGowan**

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Air Force officials are aggressively seeking to educate Airmen about sexual assault prevention and the barriers that prevent victims from reporting the crime.

"Sexual assault turns the victim's world upside down, and the trauma of being assaulted is a shock from which many victims never fully recover," said Brig. Gen. K. C. McClain, Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response commander. "And the thought that you're going to have to talk to your commander, supervisor, the investigators – all of these people are going to know – is overwhelming for some people, and they don't want to deal with it."

It has been widely documented and discussed with criminal psychologists that people who inflict the crime of rape usually begin their "careers" early in life.

Unfortunately, by the time individuals with this mind-

set are old enough to enter the Air Force, they may have transgressed the law already and expect to do so again.

Here are some common-sense safety practices that can help military members reduce the possibility of becoming victims of sexual assault:

- If you consume alcohol, do so in moderation. Studies indicate that a high percentage of all sexual assaults in the U.S. involve the use of alcohol by the offender, the victim or both.
- Do not leave your beverage unattended or accept a drink from an open container.
- When you date someone, communicate clearly with that person to ensure he or she knows your limits from the beginning. Both verbal and non-verbal (body language) communication can be used to ensure the message is understood.
- If you go on a date with someone you do not know very well, tell a close friend about your plans.
- You have the right to say "No" even if you: Say yes, but change your mind; have had sex with this partner before; have been kissing or "making out"; are

wearing "provocative" clothing.

- Always have extra money to get home. Have a plan for someone you can call if you need help.

- If you feel uncomfortable, scared or pressured, act quickly to end the situation. Say, "Stop it" and leave or call for help.

- When you go to a party, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, watch out for each other and leave together.

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

- Do not allow yourself to be isolated with a person you do not know or trust.

- Travel with a friend or in a group.

- Plan your outings and avoid getting into a bad situation.

- Walk only in lighted areas after dark.

- Keep the doors to homes, barracks and cars locked.

- Know where a phone is located.

Predators look for opportunities to commit their crimes, and the less opportunity they have, the better. Don't become a target for a sexual predator seeking the opportunity to take advantage.

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Remembering
the past

Tokyo Raiders

Organized by a firebrand colonel, bonded by an improbable mission and honored by a nation desperate for heroes, Jimmy Doolittle's Tokyo Raiders are still together. Continued on page 6

By Mark Kinkade

Former Airman magazine writer

(Editor's note: This article was originally published in the August 2001 Airman magazine.)

The B-25 Mitchell bomber was running on fumes high over China and fighting a headwind churned up by a rising storm. First Lt. Bill Bower, ready to bail out, paused at one of the bomber's hatches and peered into the darkening sky below for some sign that his crew got out of the aircraft safely.

It was, he said nearly 60 years later, the only time he wondered if he was going to survive the mission.

"It was the one time I came close to being scared," he said. "When it came time to step out."

He wasn't scared when, months before, the Army Air Forces asked for volunteers for a secret mission.

He wasn't scared when the captain of the USS Hornet announced to the ship's crew and the 80 aviators onboard, "This task force is bound for Tokyo."

And he wasn't scared when Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle gathered the pilots and aircrews together in the bowels of the ship the day they were to launch 16 B-25 Mitchell bombers off a 400-foot aircraft carrier flight deck and

(Previous page) Retired Col. Dick Cole, now in his 90s, was one of 80 men, led by then-Lt. Col. James Doolittle, to volunteer on April 18, 1942, when 16 B-25 Mitchell medium bombers set out to bomb mainland Japan. The mission was the first American strike on the Japanese mainland. (U.S. Air Force photo illustration)

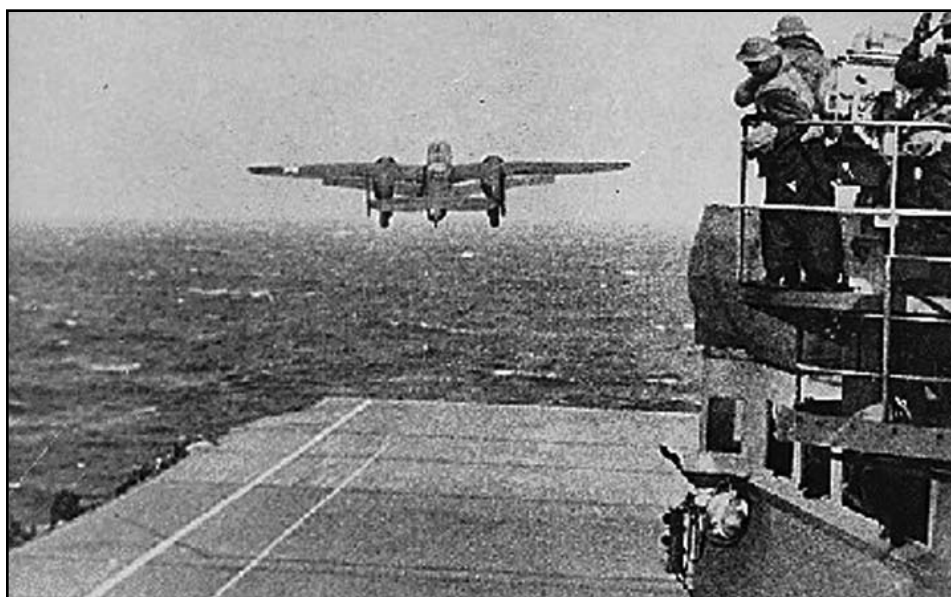


Photo courtesy of the National Archives

In April 1942, U.S. forces led by Jimmy Doolittle bombed Tokyo, an event that inspired the movie *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*.

asked, "What do you want to do, boys?"

They knew what they were going to do. They were Doolittle's Raiders, and they were going to follow their tough little commander wherever he went, even if it was on a bombing raid over Japan.

"It was our mission to do it," Bower said. "We were to show the world it could be done. And we did."

In less than 24 hours on April 18, 1942, the Raiders launched the bombers in a churning storm, bombed targets in Japan and headed for China.

A change in plans

A storm kicked up around the Hornet carrier battle group two days before the planned raid. Rain drenched the bombers on the tossing flight deck, and the weather forced the accompanying battleships to fall back, leaving the carrier unprotected.

When Navy radar spotted Japanese ships ahead of the carrier, Adm. William "Bull" Halsey

ordered Doolittle to launch the mission even though the ship was 700 miles from Japan, instead of the planned 400.

Despite the storm tossing the ship like a rubber duck in a bathtub full of kids, 1st Lt. Richard Cole was ready to take off. He was co-pilot on the lead aircraft, flown by Doolittle.

"We happened to be with the best pilot in the world, and there was no doubt (we would succeed)," he said.

Doolittle led the way, dropping incendiary bombs to light the way for the other aircraft. They swept in low over the coastline, so close one Raider later recalled they could see the astonished faces of Japanese fishermen on the shoreline below.

The Japanese were caught flat-footed. They were holding an air defense exercise the morning of the attack, and most of the fighters that would have taken on the bombers were returning to their bases. Two fighter aircraft

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tried to intercept the bombers, but turned away when gunners started firing. The mission hit targets in Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe and Nagoya.

After the raid, the bombers turned toward China. With fuel reserves near empty and battling strong head winds, the crews knew they wouldn't reach the designated landing fields.

"We weren't coming back. There wasn't any doubt about that," Bower said.

Of the 16 bombers that took off, 15 crashed or ditched at sea. One diverted to a landing field in Vladivostok, Russia.

Of the 80 men who flew the raid, three died in landings. Eight were captured by Japanese forces and interred for the duration of the war. Four of those eight were executed. The crew of the bomber that went to Vladivostok — including Herndon — was interred by Russian forces for 16 months before escaping through Iran.

The others bailed out over China and eventually found their way to safe haven in Chungking.

Jimmy Doolittle was sure the raid was a failure and thought he would be court-martialed.

Mission complete

As a result of the attack, Japanese war planners beefed up home air defense forces, keeping four front-line fighter groups on the island instead of deployed to the Solomon Islands where the empire was pressing its Pacific campaign.

More importantly, America had hit back. News reports state-side flashed word that Doolittle

On 18 April 1942, Airmen of the US Army Air Forces, led by Lt. Col. James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle (pictured right), carried the battle of the Pacific to the heart of the Japanese empire with a surprising and daring raid on military targets at Tokyo, Yokohama, Yokosuka, Nagoya and Kobe. This historic attack against these major cities was the result of coordination between the Army Air Forces and the US Navy, which carried the sixteen North American B-25 medium bombers aboard the carrier USS Hornet to within take-off distances of the Japanese Islands.



Courtesy photo

and his Raiders struck Tokyo, and morale rocketed upward.

For his role in the raid, Doolittle was awarded the Medal of Honor and promoted to brigadier general.

Doolittle said the attack proved "Japan was vulnerable and that a surprise air raid would create confusion, impede production and cause air defense forces to be withdrawn from the war zones to defend the home islands against further attacks."

A private toast

In 1946, Doolittle celebrated his birthday with the Raiders in a hotel, and the Raiders have met every year since.

In 1959, the city of Tucson, Ariz., gave the Raiders a set of silver goblets, one for each of the 80 men on the mission. During half time at an Air Force Academy-University of Colorado football game, Doolittle presented the goblets to the Raiders and began what has become a sacred cer-

emony for the crews.

In a small private meeting each year, they toast the Raiders who died since their last meeting and turn the goblets of each deceased man upside down.

When there are but two Raiders left, they will open a bottle of cognac vintage 1896 — the year Doolittle was born — and once again toast departed comrades.

Well into their 80s, the Raiders are keenly aware that their numbers are thinning. Sixteen men from the raid are still alive, and nine are scheduled to attend this year's reunion at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

But, when they meet, the years melt like ice on a hot flight line.

"When we're together, it's like it was yesterday," said retired Col. Henry "Hank" Potter, who flew with Doolittle in the lead aircraft of the raid. "When we're alone, it seems so long ago."

Wanna play some trash ball?

(Left) Kamilah Barnwell takes a break during a game of trash ball between Airmen and Marines April 11.

(Below right) Nick Wildoner attempts to catch the ball before being “attacked” by the opposing team.

(Below left) Air Force and Marine members fight for the ball during the game that is a combination of football, soccer, rugby and ultimate frisbee.



Photos by Army Pfc. Ryan Cleary

Immediately effective approved items from the 97th Air Force Uniform Board

Uniform Board Results



	A Design and development of the Headquarters, U.S. Air Force identification (HAF) badge	
	B Wear of the blue nametage with the Air Force informal uniform - abbreviated rank and name on one line	
	C Standardized cummerbund wear	
	D Prohibit wear of scrunchy as hair accessory for women	
	E Hair pins and bands will match hair color and long hair will be secured with no loose ends	
	F Hair color/highlights/frosting will not be faddish and will be natural looking for human beings	
	G No flat top hairstyle or shaved head for women	
	H Synthetic hair can be worn as long as it meets safety and mission requirements	
	I Braids, micro-braids and cornrows are authorized for women	
	J Standardize wig/hairpiece wear - eliminates medical justification for men	
	K If due to a temporary medical condition resulting in baldness, commanders will authorize the approved American Cancer Society cap (black or tan), wigs or baldness in uniform	
	L Females will not wear shades of nail polish that distinctly contrast with their complexion, that detract from the uniform, or that are extreme. Nail polish will be limited to one color. French manicures are allowed. Nail length will not exceed one quarter inch from finger tip	
	M Wear of carry type purse with no more than two straps authorized with mess dress	
	N Reduce bracelet size to one half inch. Bracelets that support a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized	
	O Rings will be worn at the base of the finger and will not be worn on the thumb. Wedding sets count as one ring	
	P Eyeglasses will not be worn around the neck; on top or back of head; or exposed/hanging on uniform	
	Q Earrings for women will be small spherical, conservative diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver with any uniform combination and worn as a set. If member has multiple holes only one set of earrings will be worn in the lower earlobe	
	R Optional wear of male flight cap for women	
	S Authorize optional epoxy blue name tag, worn on the blue shirt	
	T Authorize the wear of the fire fighter duty badge while an individual is assigned to 3E7X1 DAFSC position, including periods of PME attendance and staff tours above the group level	
	U Authorize the wear of the security forces duty badge and beret while an individual is assigned to a 3PXXX DAFSC position and possesses a 3PXXX PAFSC, including PME attendance and staff tours above the group level	
	V Discontinue award of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. May continue to wear those previously earned and a matter or record	
	W PT uniform-mandatory wear date set as 1 October 2006 and 1 October 2005 in the AOR. Specific wear instructions released on message dated 17 November 2005	
	X Cell phones, pagers and personal digital assistant must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray and must be conservative. May be clipped to the left side of waist band or purse or carried in left hand. Only one may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using cell phones, radios, hands-free headsets unless required in the performance of official duties using a government issued device	
	Y Authorize the permanent wear of the scuba badge on the BDU	

For updates and more information on the results from the 97th Air Force Uniform Board please go to www.af.mil